DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD) requests information and recommendations from the general public, private sector, and community based organizations, as well as religious organizations, in keeping with Sec. 104, Public Law 104-193.

The Department is seeking to enter into a contract to provide statewide substance abuse services to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and families with active cases in Child Welfare Services (CWS). The Department is seeking recommendations from the public on the services needed in the community to fulfill this need.

An Informational Meeting will be held on March 7, 2006, from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 pm at:

Department of Human Services Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division Employment and Child Care Program Office 820 Mililani Street, Suite 606, Conference Room 2, Honolulu, HI 96813

Information and recommendations may be submitted in writing to Ken Nakagawa, Program Specialist, at the address listed above, by March 7, 2006.

The Department may engage in further informal discussions to gather additional information and recommendations.

The Department reserves the right to incorporate in a solicitation, if issued, for such a contract, any information and recommendations presented and/or submitted in response to this request for information. Neither the Department nor any respondent to the request for information bears any obligation under this request for information.

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